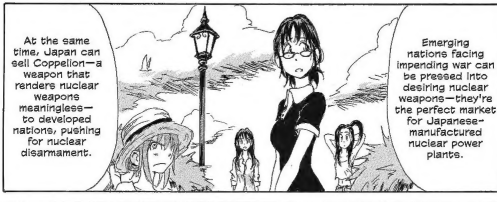
The JSDF, the fuzz— they're all gonna be after our asses.
We're bona fide traitors now.
We defied the damn government's orders.
Since they no longer have any need for us.
FWUP
They want to expose of us...
We'll be getting off easy if they only put warrants out on us.
I can do it myself!
I...
Tell me when you need to change your bandages.
How's your right shoulder, Naruse?
CATCH
Haruto ...

In a word, they're after money.
...several things that were unclear before are now in perspective.

Whatcha figure those government scumbags are gonna try next?
Haru-tooo!


At the same time, Japan can sell Coppelion—a weapon that renders nuclear weapons meaningless—to developed nations, pushing for nuclear disarmament.
Emerging nations facing impending war can be pressed into desiring nuclear weapons—they're the perfect market for Japanese-manufactured nuclear power plants.

Ougai, what a patriot!
Pheh!

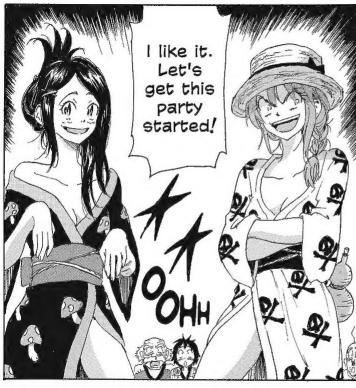
All told, Japan stands to make a large profit.
They can even charge for removal of nuclear waste, using Tokyo as a dumping ground.

Dear old Japan's got a bright future ahead of it!
Ain't that grand?

We can't leave the future in his hands!
He doesn't think of us as human.

...
SWISH

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER


I like it. Let's get this party started!
OOHH

A festival, in these times? Are you guys for real?!
Ohoho!
ZWSH

I'm after somethin' with more of a bang.
CACKLE
That's kids' stuff.
FLICK
CACKLE

Care for a candied apple, ladies?
Eheheh ...

...
RAA
RAA

OBANG
OBANG
FWOO

Relax-ation is necessary now and then.
Which is fine.

Y'know... I-I...
H-Haruto ...

They seem quite taken with this shelter.
That would be the Ozu sisters' doing.
O
BAM

It'll be time to fight again sooner or later.
It may be safe for now, but...
Just like those fireworks.
But it can only last for a moment.
...to evacuate this many survivors.
RAA
RAA
We need a vehicle larger than a helicopter ...
Something like that airship.

A huge vehicle, huh...
...so.
ZOOM
What were you about to say?
N-nothin'!
You're red. Have a fever?
HUFF
HUFF
SLAP
No! Don't touch me, doofus!
W-We've got trouble!
Heeey!
?!
Wh-What is it?
What happened?!
HUFF
HUFF

Earth-quake ?!
Th-The earth-quake!
HUFF
HUFF
I-It must've... the shelter ...
Yester-day's earth-quake!
WAHAHAHA
One of the shelter's shielded walls...
...was damaged!

W-We gotta do something quick!
FSST
PLOP
FWOOOO
Otherwise, the radiation...
BAM
...will seep into Shelter 109!
P-70 END

TWEET
FSSH
FSSH
RYUNOSUKE'S FARM
OCTOBER 12, 9:32 AM
SHELTER 109
Phase.70【 Fireworks 】

ZSH
ZSH
?

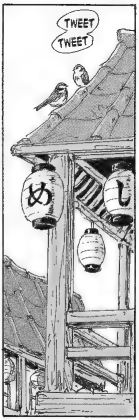
I hope they sprout soon ...

Hey, brat!
Go make us some grub!
I can't eat pickled plums or natto beans, 'kay?
ZWISH

They got her back...
It's Aoi...

...?!

NOM NOM
OMF OMF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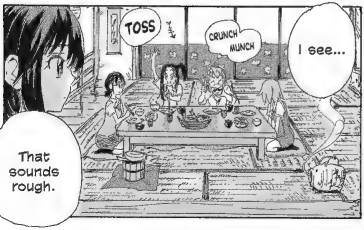
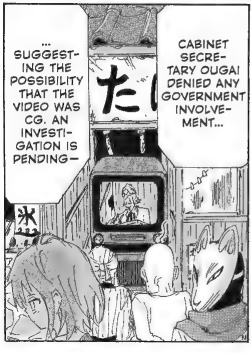

TOSS
CRUNCH
MUNCH
I see...
That sounds rough.

I could hardly believe my eyes when you girls were on TV last night.
You've all become overnight celebrities!
Especially ...
...that girl.
What's your deal, Aoi Fukasaku?
Gimme your eggs if you're not gonna eat 'em.
You can have ...
SWISH
... all my food...
KREE

All this uproar because of powers she didn't even know she had...
I suppose she must be...

She still seems down about yesterday.
...Is Aoi alright?

LET'S BEGIN WITH WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS GIRLS WHO APPEARED ON THE AIR DURING THE AIRWAVE HIJACKING:
THIS IS NEWS PLANET, CONTINUING OUR COVERAGE FROM LAST NIGHT.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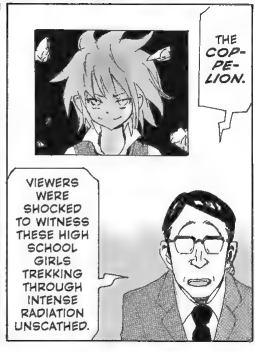
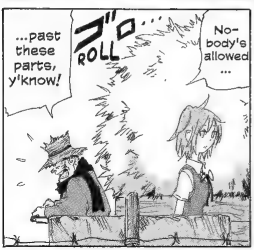
CABINET SECRETARY OUGA! DENIED ANY GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT...


THE COPPELION.
VIEWERS WERE SHOCKED TO WITNESS THESE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TREKKING THROUGH INTENSE RADIATION UNSCATHED.

EVACUATION NOTICE: RADIATION LEAK IN TOKYO
R R
ゴン
ゴン
MM
They're using the airship for surveillance.
It's been patrolling the skies all morning.
SWISH
I will stand guard above-ground.
My neutrons prevent me from being around humans, anyway.
Do you need anything else, Mana Tsuburaya?
...I'll bring you food and something to sleep on.

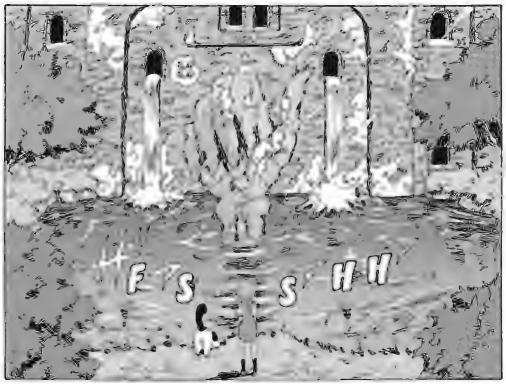
Leave *her*...
Later...
With me...

Hrm?
Phew ...


...past these parts, y'know!
ゴロロ...
No-body's allowed ...

ゴロロ
ROLL
ゴロロ
ROLL
MEOW

FOREST RUINS
Swiiish
In the forest ?
FOREST RUINS
Ruins ...
Swiiish
RUSTLE
...?!
RUSTLE
FOREST RUINS


F S S H H

A nand?
...

Seri-ously, NOW what do we do?
Blargh

What a splendid dinner.
...
CLINK
It doesn't seem interested in feeding on me ...
Hrm ...
GLUP
GLUP
MUNCH
MUNCH
Your food's getting cold!
Meisa!

13
Melsa?
Are you asleep?
I moved dinner to 2 AM specifically to accommodate your schedule!
RATTLE
How long are you going to stay shut up in this closet?
RATTLE
At least come out for a bath!

...
GLUP
GLUP
Back to the lab, I suppose ...
Good grief...
13
I don't understand high school girls!
CLOP
SHLUP
SHLUP
I must have this doll.
The original completed Coppelion...
SWISH
Where might I find Aoi Fukasaku...
Now then...
TAK

Where's the entrance?
But where is it?
...are hiding in an underground shelter somewhere in Shibuya.
Representative Naruse and her rabble...
THUNK
Eavesdropping, were you?!
You again!
FWAP
FWAP
?
...
?!

SWIP
...?

What are these records ...?
Did you bring these here?

This ugly mug...
It's Denjiro Shiba!

I suppose I must admit that it was thanks to his plant's meltdown ...
...that I was able to create the Coppelion!

We attended Tokyo U together. I've always loathed him!
Later, the government sponsored his work in nuclear power.
It was he who designed the Daiba Power Plant!
MYOOO
PONT

This cluttered blueprint ...
FLAP
Hrm...?
SHIBUYA SHELTER 109
Heh ...
Heh heh heh!
CLENCH
"Shibuya Shelter 109"?!
FWAP
You have my thanks, dear water flea.
I-It couldn't be...!

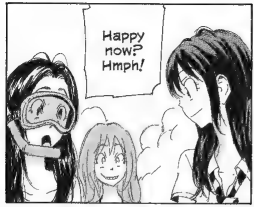
SHELTER 109,
OCTOBER 13, 7:00 AM
TWEET
It's 7 AM.
Did you get enough rest, Naruse?
HOOAA
Are you sure I shouldn't come along, Ibara?
Yeah. I need you to look after Aoi!
Yo!
We're here!

What are you wearing ?!
Kanon?! Shion?!

Are you all ready?

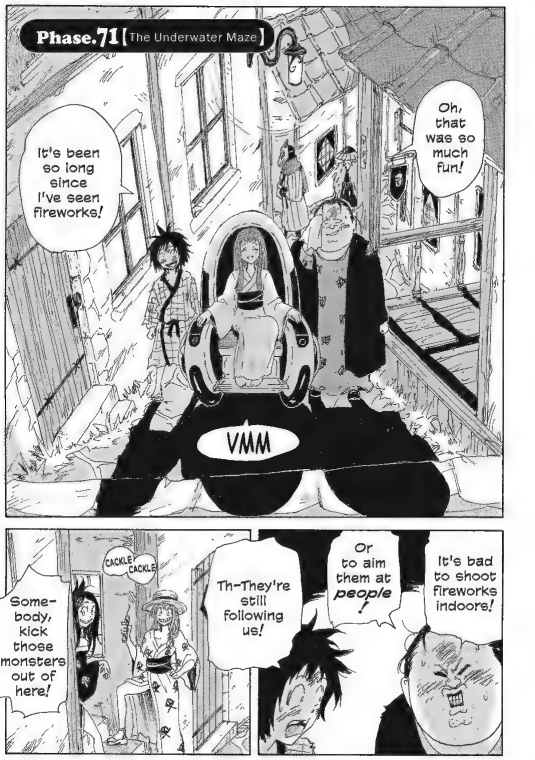
Mama Akiko ?!

Huh?!
Aren't we goin' swimming?
...


Happy now? Hmph!

I'll just have to take you there myself!
You'd be helpless without me...

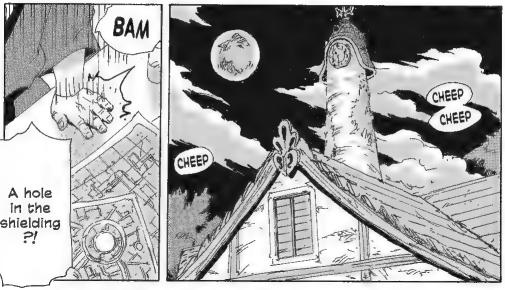
CLUNK
03
Alright, we're going in!
The under-water maze awaits!
CLUNK
P-71 END


Phase.71 [The Underwater Maze]
It's been so long since I've seen fireworks!
Oh, that was so much fun!
VMM
It's bad to shoot fireworks indoore!
Or to aim them at people!
Th-They're still following us!
CACKLE CACKLE
Some-body, kick those monsters out of here!

Meeting at the Four-leaf Clover House, stat!
Mama Akiko!
HUFF
HUFF
TMP
TMP
?!

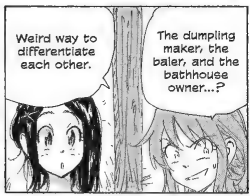
It's an emer-gency!
Wh-What's going on?!
HUFF
HUFF

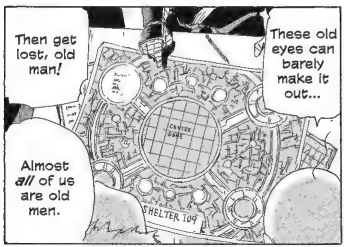
The sooner we come up with a plan, the better!
HUFF
HUFF
The people here are in danger!


BAM
A hole in the shielding ?!
CHEEP
CHEEP
CHEEP

What about *you*? You're just the bath-house owner!
Why're even *you* here, Baler?
I was just gettin' to that, Dumpling Maker!
Speak up, Roofer!
What're you goin' on about?!
GABBLE
CLAMOR
CLAMOR

We're *cleaners*, duh!
What's that make us?


Weird way to differentiate each other.
The dumpling maker, the baler, and the bathhouse owner...?


Then get lost, old man!
These old eyes can barely make it out...
Almost *all* of us are old men.
SHELTER 109

It's a blueprint of Shelter 109!
Look at this!

There are four filtration units located around the dome that are constantly working to purify our water.
ACTIVE WATER RETRIEVE AND RECOVERY SYSTEM
The dome's protected by a defense system with several different layers.
We live here, in the center dome.
CENTER DOME
TAP
And all around those is a jumble of pipes and waterways.
An underwater maze.
It's more or less...
The system found a problem ...
Here!
Where's the damage ?
So...

...the longer it will take for the radiation to reach the dome. Correct?
The further it is...
...in Plant 3, Section D-2.
D-1
D-2
It's pretty far from the dome.
The shelter is sectioned off by a bunch of flood gates.
Right! We have some time!
But there's no way that can block radiation completely, right?
...that's right. You know your stuff, kiddo.
You're using water as shielding for the gamma radiation?
Flood gates... I see.
There's a high probability that this center dome will eventually be polluted.
Unless the damage is repaired with haste...
Precisely.

Yeah!
Dr. Shiba told us it was safe here!
SIGH
That's crazy talk! We've gone 20 years without any problems!
O-Our shelter, polluted?!
YAD
YAD
Everything built by mankind will eventually break down.
It's a law of nature.
When something breaks, you just have to fix it.
...it's too soon to be upset.
The kid's right!
R-Right!

You'll never make it on your own.
Just leave it to us Coppelion! We'll leave immediately—
This means we have to go all the way out to Section D-2.
It sounds easy when you put it like that, but...
HUSH
The underground shopping mall and the areas around it are intricately constructed, every which way you go.
Seems like us elders aren't needed here, haha!
I've got hay to bale.
Just remembered somethin' I need t'do.
TMP
TMP
Beginners like you could wander in and never find their way back out.

Who cares? It's bedtime!
Where'd everybody go?

TOKYO UNIVERSITY

CLINK
Guanine, cytosine ... ♪
Thymine, adenine ... ♪
CLINK

It's a freaking aquarium down there!
Down the—
Oh! We need to go down these escalators.
We still have a ways to go.
Let's move!
We've got oxygen. We'll be fine.
GWOO
...maybe I'd better go back.
We told you, it's an underwater maze.
SPLASSH

SPLOOSH
I'm not gonna just sink, am I?
I'm a skoo-ba diver! Kyahaha!
GWSH
BONK
SHIBUYA MALL

It gets more complicated from here.
SPLASH
Okay...
GASP
Help!
?!
This way.
Let's see... this is Passage B, and we want to get to Section D-2...
Wha?
Kanon, did you just shout for help?!
Sie, didja see all the big jellyfish?
SPLOOSH
Yeesh! I thought I was dead for a second there!

!!
I'm over here! Somebody!
H-Help!
He's back in the shelter!
But...
It's Ryuno-suke!
That voice ...
It was in that direction! That's not the way we came!
Crap, where is he?!
He was shouting for help, Naruse!
He could have followed us.
DASH
That's where—
Ah! W-Wait!

The master... of Shibuya Mall.
Th...
What's over there?
...
"That's where" what?
TMP
TMP
Where are you?! Say something!
Ryuno-suke!
Down there?!
Crap ...
PLIP
!
KREE
Help!

...?!
GRUAAA

BSHOOO
I-Ibara!
GRAB
PWOOF
BSH

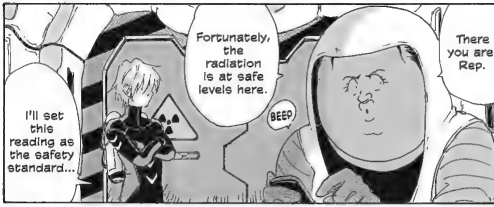
...
KOFF
!!
GRAB
I...
GLUB
Ibara!
BUB
P-72 END

There are a lot of floodgates. We may end up completely submerged underwater!
BAM
Gear up to trek into underground Shibuya!
Phase.72 [Infiltrating Shibuya Shopping Mall!]

Yup-pers!
You two ready?
ZIP

I've got dibs on this dry suit!
Me and water have a bad history.
ZIP

ZWSH
Okay, we're moving out!
It's up to us to repair Shelter 109's defense system!


There you are, Rep.
Fortunately, the radiation is at safe levels here.
BEEP
I'll set this reading as the safety standard...

How do we get to the damaged wall?
I'll take you there.
Don't worry. I downloaded a map to this PDA yesterday.
CLUNK

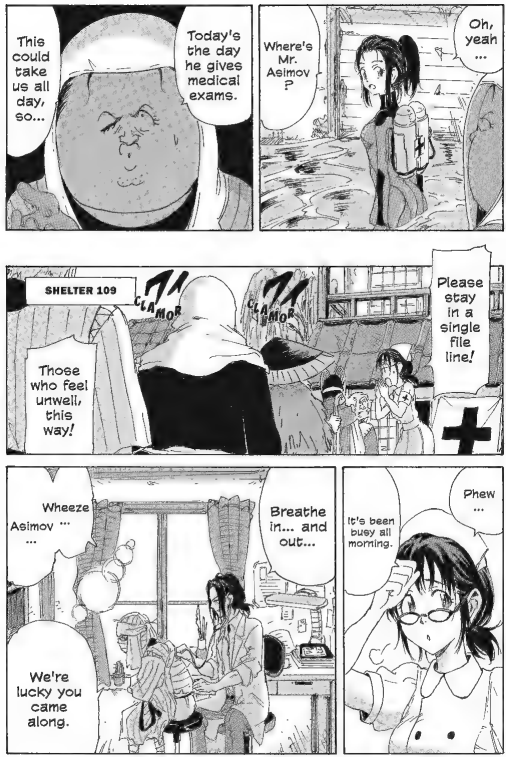
I doubt the alarm will go off...
...unless the radiation spikes.
0.35

I'm doing this is for Alice and Ryunosuke.
KCHK
Protecting the children is our duty, even for transvestites like me.

...when all's said and done, you're like a tower of strength.
No wonder you're the shelter's godmother!

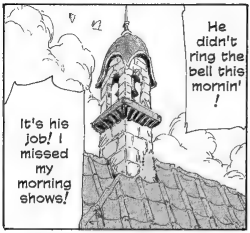
?!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
Whoa!
It really is an underground shopping mall...
SPLASH
SPLASH

It's a pool!
Yay!
SPLASH
GWSH
The place is too big!
Who in their right mind would open up shop all the way down here?
CLANG
CLANG
Sis! Come on in!
It has electricity, so there's plenty of light.
We'll stay on this strip for a while.
SPLASH SPLASH
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
I don't think I'll be using my electricity this time.
Don't go too far ahead, Shion!
I knew I shouldn't have come.
Damn it!
SPLASH

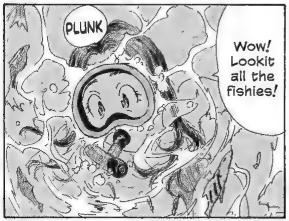

This could take us all day, so...
Today's the day he gives medical exams.
Where's Mr. Asimov ?
Oh, yeah ...
SHELTER 109
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Please stay in a single file line!
Those who feel unwell, this way!
Wheeze Asimov ... ...
Breathe in... and out...
We're lucky you came along.
Phew ...
It's been busy all morning.

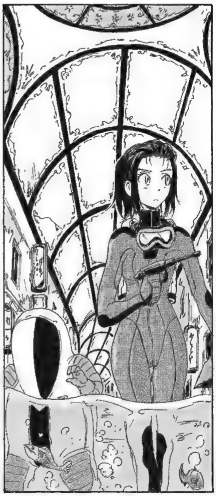
Like you'd been sent from heaven, hoho!
KOFF
But then you showed up.
All we could do was wait for death.
When our last doctor fell ill and passed on...
We owe you our lives. We want to help you with that much...
CLICK
What will it take for you to recover your memory, Asimov?
Yes... there's much I wish I could forget...
Hoho... I see...
I don't need a past.
Don't let it concern you.

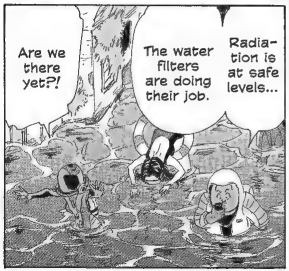
Mornin', missie.
CLOP
C-Coming!
Are you there, nurse?
Bring me the next chart.
CHK
Where's your other classmate?
Hm? Oh, Aoi?
I think it's best to let her rest for a while.
She seems depressed ...
...aha.
She's safe here.
But make sure you keep an eye on her.


He didn't ring the bell this mornin'!
It's his job! I missed my morning shows!

What's all the fuss, Baler?
DASH!
Where'd Ryuno-suke run off to?!


PLUNK
Wow! Lookit all the fishies!




Are we there yet?!
The water filters are doing their job.
Radiation is at safe levels...

?
SWISH
BLUB
BLUB
GLUB
Mmpp
HOOO
GLUP
!!
PFF

?!
swoosh
GURG
GURG
SWOOSH
SWISH

SMACK

There!
This lever reverses the current.
CLACK

The current suddenly got stronger!
What the hell?!
SWOOSH
SWOOSH

SHWEEE
SHWOOOOOO
Gaaaah!
BSHOO
BONK
I got it!
D-1
Through this flood-gate!
CLACK

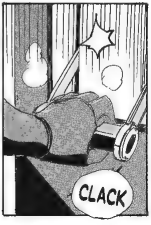
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
?!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
We have to close the gate so the radiation won't spread!
CLACK
CLUNK
Everyone in quick!
CLUNK
The radiation level's rising!
Hold on.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
348
200... 300 millisieverts!
THUD

Phew!
GASP
That was scary ...
BLUB BLUB
It stopped at 500. We're good to go!
Yes, we're okay!
Will you be okay in those suits?!
What's the radiation level?!
SPLASH
D-2
...is in Section D-2, yes?
The damage ...

G-Gladly!
We'll take care of the rest ourselves.
You two wait on the other side of the gate!
SPLASH

Run through, then we close it back up!
Here goes ...
RRR
D-2
MM

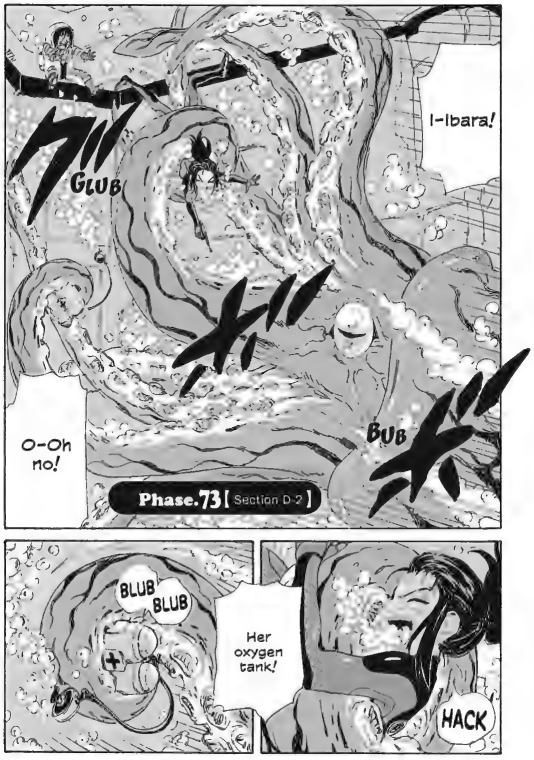
Roger!
PSSSH
Go!


CLACK

?!
FSSSSH
Holy ...
FSSSSH
Water's pouring in from a crevice in the wall!

FSSSH
FSSSH
GLOP
HIC
HIC
Blocking that crevice won't be enough to fix this!
Not good...
FSSSH
999
Where did all this water come from?!
No ...
FSSSH
This waterfall of pollution...
...will just end up flowing through other openings!

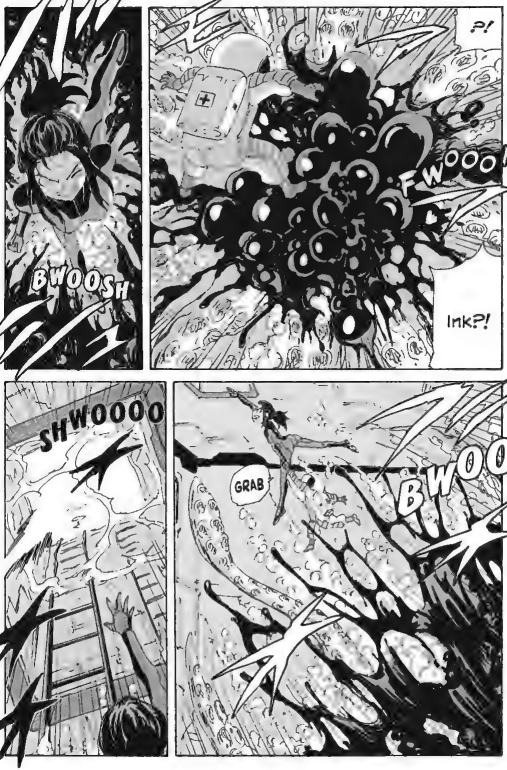
I do know this much!
I don't know. But...
FSSSH
Eventually, the entire shelter will fall to radiation.
It's too late to save Shelter 109.
P-73 END


GLUB
I-Ibara!
O-Oh no!
BUB
Phase.73 [Section D-2]
BLUB BLUB
Her oxygen tank!
HACK

SHWOOOO
KOFF
HACK
CHING
CHING

CHING
GLUB
BUB
!!
It's gonna eat you!
Look out!
BLUB
BLUB
BSHOO

GLUB
BUB
BTOOM
SHOOOO


BWOOSH
?!
FWOOOM
Ink?!
SHWOOOO
GRAB
BWOO

O-Okay!
CLANG
Quick! Climb up!
GASP
SPLASH
!!
SPLASH
SQUICK
SHLOOP
Heeere's Shion!
SWOOSH

SPLASH
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

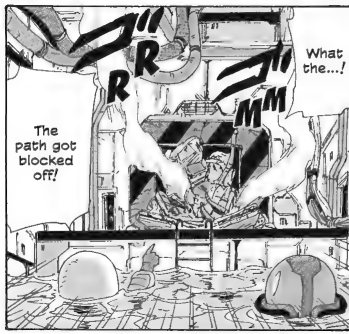
Why did you follow us?!
Ryuno-suke!
...she asks, totally killing the mood.
What's an octopus doin' in fresh water?
Just who do you think we're out here for?!
I told you, radiation is more dangerous to children than adults!
I just—
D-Don't be mad!
If we lose the shelter, then Alice'll...
I wanna help my sister, too!
I...
Urgh ...
I'm sorry, Mama... I...

You're a man, not a boy!
That took guts, Ryuno-suke!
I-I'm sorry...
Urgh ...
W-Wait!
I know this place better'n anybody!
TMP
TMP
Yup yup! I'll show you the way!
Let's keep moving!
87
I suppose he's with us...
Roger that!
Bet he hasn't learned his lesson. My total opposite.
That little brat...
...

So close...
Whoa!

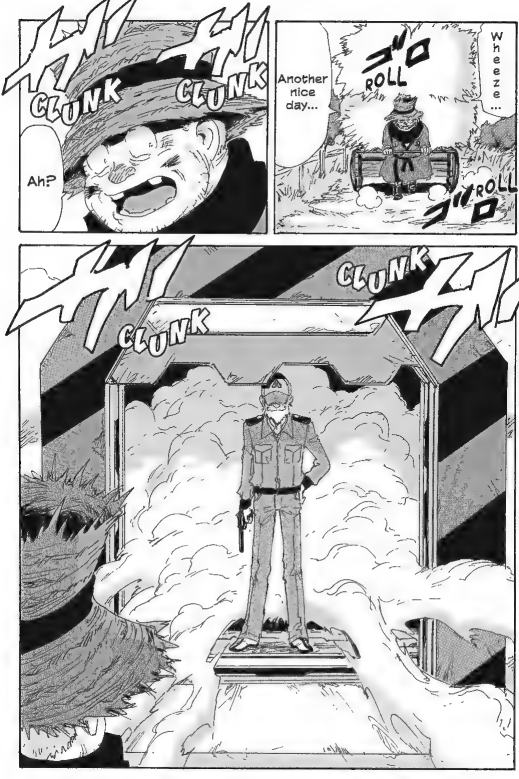
GASP

You couldn't pick a more *normal* route?
SPLASH
Over this way!


R
R
MM
The path got blocked off!
What the...!

PLUNK
Huh?

It's like our path is intentionally blocked!
Something's not right...
Who did this?!
How...
FSST
...
Somebody's trying to stop us from making it back?
Intentionally?!
...used explosives.
That "someone"...
!!


CLUNK
CLUNK
Ah?
Another nice day...
ROLL
Wheeze...
ROLL
CLUNK
CLUNK

CLUNK
CLUNK
SMIRK
Aoi...
If her symptoms worsen, we'll have to take action.
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
For now, all we can do is monitor her condition.
?!
There seems to be a fuse outside...
MURMUR
MURMUR
...?
SWIP

CLAMOR
おでん
Wha...
CLAMOR
That's Dr. Coppelius!

He's taken a hostage!

He must be after...

CLAMOR

Don't let him notice us!
We're changing position.
KCHK
Aoi...?!
!!
Put the gun down! We can talk this out!
TRAA
Who's that old man?!
RAAT
B-Baler!
You can't bad-mouth Dr. Shiba!
Wh-What?!
Denjiro Shiba... tsk, tsk. Building a secret hideout, all for himself!
Quite a splendid shelter you have here!
!
AH!
KCHK

He's insane!
...
RABBLE
RABBLE
Where are the Coppelion?!
Or would you like to watch as I blow this man's brain to bits?
Bring me Aoi Fukasaku.
Why did we climb up here?
Mr. Asimov!
KCHK
CLAMOR
CLAMOR

Get ready.
I'll distract him.
A rifle?!
Oh, dear...
ドTHUNK
What?!
B-But I never went to sniping class—
You have superior eyesight, don't you?
Take aim at Dr. Coppelius from here.
Protect her with your own two hands!
Do you want to lose your classmate?!

I'm going in.
You know what to do!
Roger!
KCHK
P-74 END

F-S-S-S-H
But it's clearly polluted with high levels of radiation.
I can't say where this water is coming from...
Phase.74 [Intruder in the Shelter]

...
Unfortunately, we'll have to go back to square one.

Then what are we supposed to do, Haruto?!
If stoppin' up the crevice won't help ...

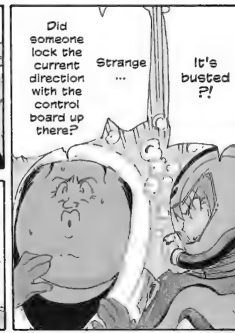
They'll have to abandon Shelter 109.
We need to return to the dome and formulate a plan to evacuate the survivors.

Hrk...
MEOW
Ahh...
Ugh...
Come along, now.
They're givin' health exame today.
TAP
Feelin' sick, missie?
What's the matter?
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
!

CLACK
How'd it go?!
CLUNK
They're back!
CLUNK
How's the damage?!
Wh- Why the rush?
THUNK
H-Hold on! How are you so sure?!
What?!
Your shelter's screwed!
He says it can't be fixed.

BLUB
BLUB
Back to the shelter!
We'll explain later.
FWOOOSH
?!
BONK
Wha ?!
GLUB
GLUB
...
I'll switch it back!
CLACK
Oh, the current's still backwards!
GLUB
That's weird... This lever switches it back and forth!
Huh ?!
CLACK
CLACK

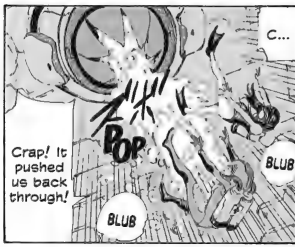
...
HOO


Did someone lock the current direction with the control board up there?
Strange ...
It's busted ?!

GLUB
Glub glub!
Shion! Full speed ahead!

GLUBUB
KICK
KICK

...
BLUB
KICK
KICK
BLUB
POP


C...
POP
Crap! It pushed us back through!
BLUB
BLUB

Over here!
I know another way!
Say what?! You don't have an emergency exit, blockhead?!
I don't know any other ways back!
Wh-What now?!
BONK
...
KRRSHH
Gun... It's too heavy!
For real? Way to go, kid!
KREE
Hrk! They should have accounted for people of size!
SQUEEZE
Great! Follow me!

HUH
HUH
What's come over Aoi?
She looks so pale.
HUH
...
Does she normally take any medication?
Medi-ca-tion?
No. She has a bot-tomless appetite! She's never needed any ...
... drugs ...?
GASP

I-it's nothing...
PEEK
...what are you thinking?
I need it...
Please...
HUFF
Th-The drug...
HUFF
Oh, no...
Oh...
Although I can't say from what.
...
These are withdrawal symptoms.

RA
He's somewhere in the confusion of the crowd...!
...
LEAN
I will find him!
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
FLAP
BDMP
BDMP

BANG
KCHING
!!
...?!
MURMUR
MURMUR
THROB
THROB
THUNK

...
Oh, my! I did it?!
Excellent marksmanship. Damn you!
THROB
Ha... ha ha ha!

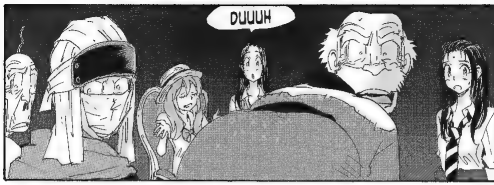
CLUNK
CLUNK

ZWISH
We need to hold another meeting ASAP!
We're back!
We're baaack!
MURMUR
Heeey!
What's all the hubbub about?
....?
TMP
TMP
TMP

TONK!
Welcome back, Haruto!
I'm in quite a pickle, as you can see!
!
Though I doubt your qualifications! What nurse would hold an injured man at gunpoint?
Yes, yes, "nurse"!
You landed yourself into this pickle!
Keep quiet!
The thing is...
Did you find the damage to the shelter?
We have this under control, as you can see.

Wh-
What
?!
FSSH
PLOP
PLOP
Water polluted with radiation is pouring in through a huge crevice in the wall...
Yes...
And we can't stop it.
...Shelter 109?!
We have to abandon ...
CLAMOR
CLAMOR

We don't trust you government goons!
Are you sure?!
GRAB
You're with the JSDF! Help!
No! Then... what're we supposed t'do?!
Every hour, approximately 4200 tons of polluted water is crushing against the shelter walls and seeping inside.
CLACK
I made some calculations using your defense system's computer.
The shelter's water purification system can't keep up with that amount.
We're 100% sure.
SNIP
Much like a slowly-sinking cruise ship.
The polluted water will gradually raise the water level and eventually make it to the center dome.

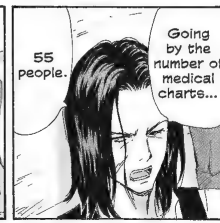

DUUUH

How many people live altogether?!
Mama Akiko!

...

Where to?! There's radiation aboveground, too!
R-Run!
TMP TMP
What can we do?!

Haruto!
...


Going by the number of medical charts...
55 people.

The shelter will last another month.
We have one month...
...to move 55 people out of Tokyo.
P-75 END

Phase.75[Time Limit]
Use that rifle to shoot him from here.
Dr. Coppelius is holding a hostage under the tower in the town square.
...
Remember, he's your enemy. Don't hesitate to pull the trigger!
I'll draw him out, make him easier to shoot.

ZWISH
I'm going in! You know what to do!
Roger!

I have to keep her safe!
Aoi...
KCHK
...
D-Drug ...
No matter who they are...
But... I simply couldn't shoot someone!
That's my only option ...!
I'll shoot his gun out of his hands.

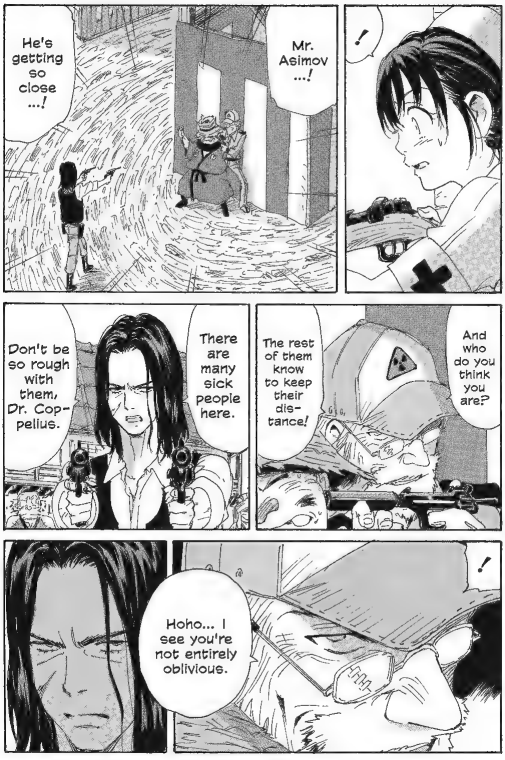
Are you going to let this fool die?! Cowards!
MURMUR

Bring me Aoi Fukaeaku! Are you deaf?!
What are you waiting for?!
MURMUR
MURMUR

Let me through.

Dammit! If only the JSDF had never showed up!
They brought nothin' but trouble!

Thank God... Help us!
CLAMOR
Asi-mov!
CLAMOR


He's getting so close ...!
Mr. Asimov ...!
!
Don't be so rough with them, Dr. Coppelius.
There are many sick people here.
The rest of them know to keep their distance!
And who do you think you are?
Hoho... I see you're not entirely oblivious.
!

...could they be talking about?
What ...
TWEET
Hand over Aoi Fukasaku!
Neither doll has a fighting chance.
Aoi Fukasaku and Taeko Nomura are the only Coppelion left in this shelter.
I trapped Ibara Naruse, Haruto, and the others in the underground waterways.
What's your end goal, Doctor?
...
What do you need the Coppelion for?

Don't interfere.
This is all for my grand plan.
SWIP
...my chance!
Now's...
BANG

A sniper ?!
?!
BISH
I missed !
RAA
...
RAA
W-We'll be shot! Run!
!
Wah!!
FWUMP

CLACK

I have to take a second shot, quickly!
KACHAK

It's turned into chaos because of me ....!
Oh, no!
RAA

Where is he hiding?!
Dr. Coppelius ...

Where is he ?!
Oh, where could he be?!
RAA

...
RAA

...

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...

Data
...
FILE
DATA FOR
TRANSMISSION
...for
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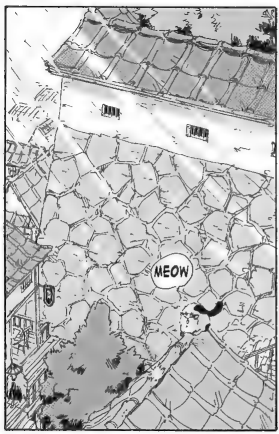
sion?


MEOW

TWEET
...to
where?

Hrm ...
I've been locked up like some Edo period hooligan.
CLANG
EDO PERIOD (1603-1867) - A PERIOD OF ISOLATIONISM IN FEUDAL JAPAN
...
Nothing out of the ordinary.
Anything to report?
Good day, Haruto.
SWIP
I'll take some coffee after my meal.

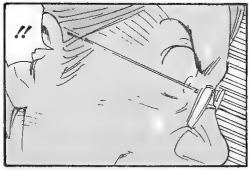
...how easily you'd be caught if you came alone.
You should have known ...
Why are you here?
Dr. Coppelius.
...
And?
World peace is at stake should the government get their hands on Aoi Fukasaku!
They want to *militarize* the Coppelion, you see!
Why, I only wish to *help* you, Haruto!
We should be joining forces to fight the government, my child!
CLANG
I can keep Aoi Fukasaku under *control!*

You came here knowing that would be the case, didn't you?
...Aoi Fukaeaku is suffering from withdrawal from your neuro balancer.
...I'll make some for her.
If you let me out of here...
When-ever you're ready to beg!
I'll be here!
I don't need your help.
CLOP

Yup!
I gave 'im the name "Asimov."
Yes... I heard he has amnesia.
FSSH
Huh?
RYUNOSUKE'S FARM
Asimov?
Two years ago, I was hanging out above-ground...
P!
And there he was, just standing there in the middle of the street.
ROPPONGI
Umm, in Roppongi, I think.

....?
PING
TAKTAK

Rop-pongi ?
SWIIISH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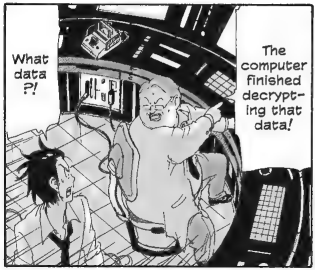
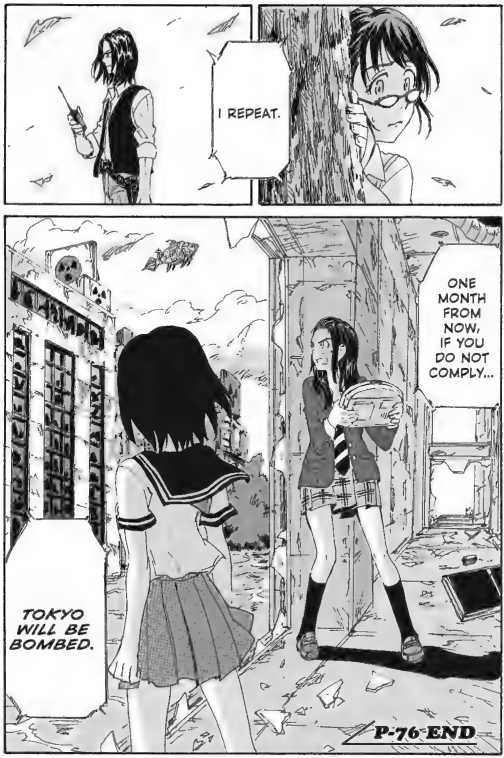
Hm?
KREE


What data ?!
The computer finished decrypting that data!

?!
Lt. Ibuse!

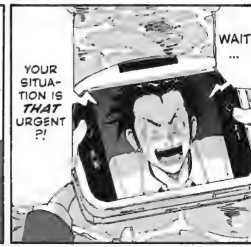
That top secret Yellow Cake docu-ment?! So what is it?!
!
You know, the data the girls found in Roppongi Hills!
Tokyo victims ?
T...
"Tokyo Victims Medical Charts" ...?
DATA FOR TRANSMISSION
TOKYO VICTIMS MEDICAL CHARTS
AUG. 2036
SHIBUYA VICTIMS
SEPT.
POINT
"Data for trans-mission" ...
...that there's a Yellow Cake spy inside the shelter!
I-It stands to reason ...
Yes! Yellow Cake is receiving the survivors' medical data!
BLIP
The survivors living in shelters in Tokyo?!
SUBJECT NO.42
SHIBUYA SHELTER
EXTERNAL
LEVEL-3
INTERNAL
LEVEL-5

VOO
VOO
...?!
THIS IS A WARNING TO THE COPPELION TRAITORS:
VOO
VOO
IN ONE MONTH'S TIME, TOKYO WILL BE BOMBED.
SHOULD YOU REFUSE TO TURN AOI FUKASAKU OVER...
In a month?!
Dammit... They know Shelter 109 has one month until it's polluted! Somebody snitched!
Bombed?!
B...


I REPEAT.
ONE MONTH FROM NOW, IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY...
TOKYO WILL BE BOMBED.
P-76 END

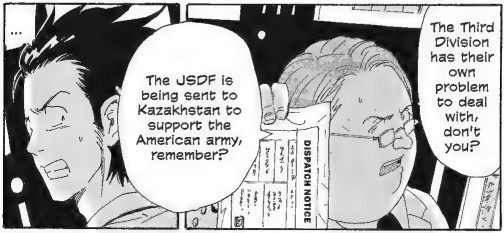
WE HAVE ONE MONTH...
たい焼
...TO GET 55 PEOPLE OUT OF TOKYO?!
Phase.76 [Decryption]

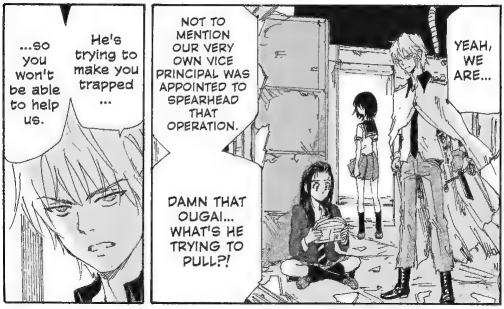
We can't put this off.
Yes, Lt. Ibuse.


YOUR SITUATION IS THAT URGENT?!
WAIT ...

RRゴン
ゴーンMM
We need something huge to transport them all.
Do you have anything?!

Uh... Lemme think...
A huge trans-port ?


...
The JSDF is being sent to Kazakhstan to support the American army, remember?
DISPATCH NOTICE
The Third Division has their own problem to deal with, don't you?


...so you won't be able to help us.
He's trying to make you trapped ...
NOT TO MENTION OUR VERY OWN VICE PRINCIPAL WAS APPOINTED TO SPEARHEAD THAT OPERATION.
DAMN THAT OUGAI... WHAT'S HE TRYING TO PULL?!
YEAH, WE ARE...

I'M SORRY, GUYS... ALL OUR MILITARY VEHICLES ARE GOING TO END UP IN KAZAKHSTAN!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE PLAYING WAR!
THUD
ARGH!
ATTENTION, COPPELION TRAITORS:
SURRENDER AT ONCE. DELIVER AOI FUKASAKU TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.
I REPEAT... ATTENTION, COPPELION TRAITORS—
IN EXCHANGE, WE VOW TO EVACUATE EVERY SURVIVOR LIVING IN THE SHIBUYA SHELTER.

Mana ...
...hand her over...
You can't...
Humans can't control her power.
ゴゴゴ
Don't let the government confuse you, Naruse.
They've turned the survivors into hostages.
What they're offering isn't help.

Urgh ...
The drug ...
Please... The drug ...
I need it ...!
Her symptoms are worsening ...
Oh, Aoi ...
I can't stop it.
She needs a better doctor than me.
Oh, no...
What do we do?
What?!

That's what they said.
Then what's gonna happen ta us?!
The shelter ...
...will be polluted in a month?!
Those kids?! They're still teenagers!
The JSDF is working on a plan...
NOM NOM
Shh! They're right there!
MOVING ON...
SHH
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE KAZAKHSTAN WAR CONTINUES TO GROW.
KAZAKHSTAN WAR

PREPARE THYSELF! DIVINE SONIC BLAST!
FLICK
?!
Since when was that a full-blown war?!
The Kazakh-stan War?
...AS WELL AS FRANCE, ITALY, AND RUSSIA HAVE JOINED THE WAR WITH AERIAL BOMBINGS.
FLICK
BOOOM
Shion! Don't change the channel!
But I'm so booored!
VOICES IN THE UN EXPRESS CONCERN THAT THE WAR WILL BECOME DRAWN OUT—
AS THE SITUATION IN KAZAKH-STAN INTENSIFIES ...
Damn humans should kill each other off!
Heh! That's right, blow each other sky high!

Goodness gracious... Sounds like we wouldn't be any better off joining the world up there.
Dang it! I'm not leavin' the shelter!
TMP
TMP
I'm stepping out.
Ah... Alright, Mr. Asimov.
CLOP
CLICK
Well ...
I'd best wipe Aoi's sweat ...
?
FILE
DATA FOR TRANSMISSION

That's nothing more than wishful thinking.
Kanon Ozu...
Your sister will always have the mind of a five-year-old.
SIS
A
You two...
...are dolls.
A
B
Give up your pointless dreams and come quietly.

Wanna help?
What's up?
Big sis!
SWAP
!!
GASP
Wh-What'd you do that for?!
PATTER
PATTER
GOOF
Enough with the wishful thinking.
Planting seeds here is a waste of time.
ZWISH

We know you have her in the infirmary!
KRASSH
Give us Aoi Fukasaku!
RAA
Hear us out!
S-Stop, please!
RAA
RAA
RAA
Shuddup, Mama Akiko! Get of our way!
H-Hold on! Don't blame them for this!
TMP
Why haven't you already?! Whose side are you on, anyway?!
If we turn over your classmate, they'll evacuate us all!
Our lives are on the line! Let us through!
TCH

They're in an uproar.
...
RAA
RAA
CLACK
CLACK
Yeah! Give her up!
Give us Aoi Fukasaku!
CLACK
CLACK
If you do as they say, you can save the people here.
It's your only option.
Give Aoi Fukasaku to the government!
Someone's going to get hurt.
!
KRA
SSH
Bah! We'll take her by force!
Gya ha ha ha!
?!
Gya ha ha!

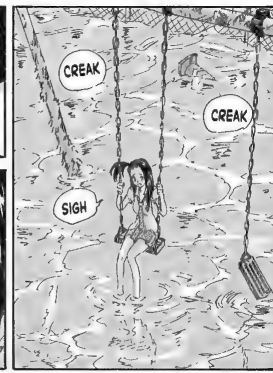
What a riot.
Guess it's like they say. Humans show their true colors whenever things take a turn for the worse.
Even after they hide themselves away underground by their own damn choosing.
Once they're looking death in the face...
Humans got no problem sacrificing some girl so they can keep living!!
You're trash! Lower than dirt!
Gya ha ha ha!
Say what you will.
Gya ha ha ha...!
You can never have everything you want.

The lives of the people living here takes priority now.
You know what you have to do.
It's time to grow up.
You have to let her go.
If...
If we do hand her over...
...?

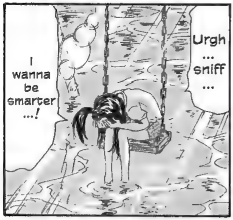
Just like when we were little...

She'll ...
FWUMP
She'll be experi-mented on again!

I... I wanna get real smart...


CREAK
CREAK
SIGH

CHEEP CHEEP
Sis'd be happy.
Then ...
But ...
TWEET


I wanna be smarter ...!
Urgh ... sniff ...

PLIP
PLIP

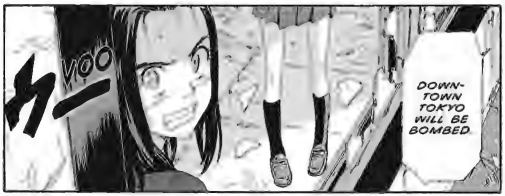
That's nothing more than wishful thinking.
But, Shion Ozu...
S...
S...

Hoho.
Very ambitious.
SPLASH

...Ah!
Help...
FWT
S-sis

We have Shion Ozu
This is the airship
RR
A
MM
P-77 END

VOO
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL GRANT YOU ONE MONTH.
VOO
IF AOI FUKASAKU IS NOT TURNED OVER IN THAT TIME...
Phase.77 [Human Experimentation]


VOO
DOWN-TOWN TOKYO WILL BE BOMBED.

4:01 PM, OCTOBER 13, 2036 AD, 31 DAYS UNTIL THE BOMBING
Say *what* ?!
They're threat-ening to bomb us ?!

Those scum-bags are pul-lin' out all the stops!
Then they'll rain hellfire down on us?
If we don't hand over Aoi within a month ...
HUFF
That's what their air-ship is blast-ing!
HUFF
But they can't! They're our national govern-ment!
That's when they'll bomb Tokyo?!
In 31 days, Shelter 109 will be polluted by radiation. We'll have no choice but to move the survivors aboveground.
One month... They've made this threat because they know the shelter's expiration date.
Or give them Aoi Fuka-saku?
Will you put the survivors in danger?
They want you to spend the whole month agonizing over your choices.
I'd like to settle this before that can happen.

HOO
HOO
KCHK
CLICK
Oh, Aoi...
She's finally asleep ...
...?
How's your classmate?
Sorry I took so long.
CLOP
SWISH
There's a Yellow Cake spy living here?!

I'll question every one of these humans myself!
Then we better flush out this spy.
Yellow Cake must be working with the government, too.
Seems he leaked information about the shelter to the government.
All we gotta do is take Mana Tsubura-ya. Her neutrone'll kill off everybody on it!
Sis!
So we hijack the airship. Problem solved!
We need to think of a way to move all 55 people to the outskirts of Tokyo.
Now's not the time.
We're not killing anyone, no matter what!
GRAB
We can't do that!
We only have 31 days until they start bombing.
Sis! Sis, listen!
We absolutely can't!
What's one or two humans matter?
Don't be such a stiff, girl!

I'm gonna go up an' hunt bugs...
ヒュウウ
HWOOO
Sis...
Let's go plan.
In any case, this month will be trying.
Come on, just one measly human!
No, Kan-on!

Wait! They said all that in the name of the Japanese government?!
A microphone I set up aboveground picked it all up!
I'm telling you, it's true!
They'll evacuate us if we hand over that Coppelion girl, Aoi...
STARE
Yeah!
Wh-What's that, now?!

You're no mere doctor!
Mr. Asimov ...

my nurse?
What are you doing,

Out me in front of everyone?
...what will you do with me?

I saw your file.
You've been sending your patients' medical charts somewhere!

CLACK
CLICK
They'll lose their only doctor.

I only took my eyes off her for a second!
Sheesh ...
Where are you?
Shi- ooon!
?
PATTER
PATTER
What're you doing, kid?
...
PATTER
I'm spread-ing apple tree seeds!
Hi, big sis!
PATTER
ZYUNOSUKE'S FARM

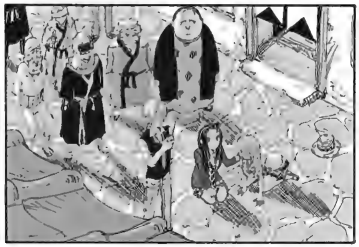
Here, Shion! Like this!
Hyaa
Swinish
Sheesh... You're almost in primary school!
No! Use your middle finger, dummy!
Like dis...?
Shion
This's how ya hold chopsticks.
See? Hold 'em like that!
GWSH
GWSH
Believe in yourself!
Don't ever give up.
If you try real hard, you can be smart one day!
Okay, Shion?
AAH

Yes.
However, we need one day.
...Haruto Kurosawa.
You're going to comply?
We've managed to keep her under control with sedatives thus far.
Aoi Fukasaku is in extremely unstable condition.
One day?
Why? Explain yourself.
...her power could go out of control—
If we turn her over to you right away...
V-VERY WELL!
WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE DAY!
...

SEND AOI FUKASAKU TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM. ALONE.
TOMOR-ROW, OCTOBER 14, AT 7 PM ...

DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY.
UNDER-STAND? ALONE.

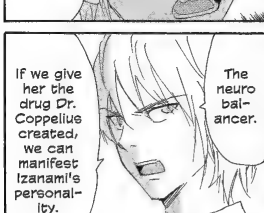
...
What are we gonna do?



Given the circum-stances, we have no choice.
... Ha-ruto!

You okay with that, Rep?
Now we've got no choice but to give Aoi Fukasaku up.

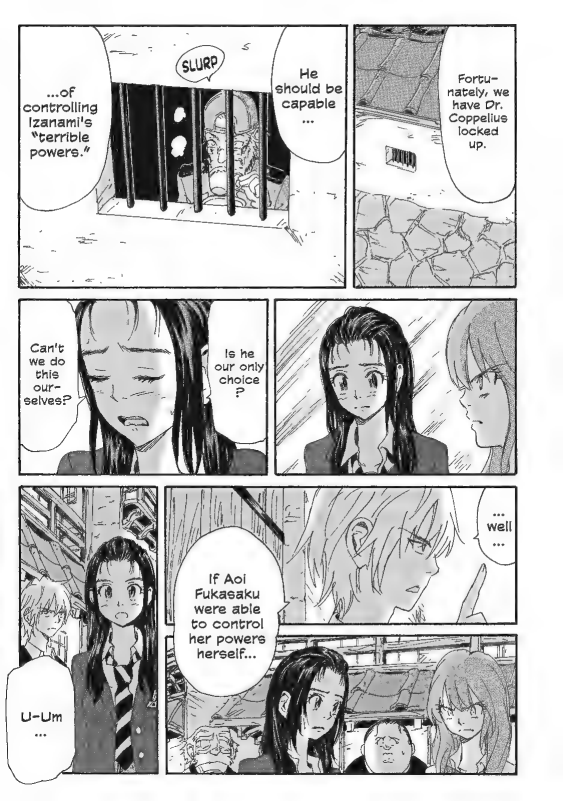
...rescue Shion and take over the airship.
We'll have Aoi Fukasaku ...


If we give her the drug Dr. Coppelius created, we can manifest Izanami's personality.
The neuro balancer.

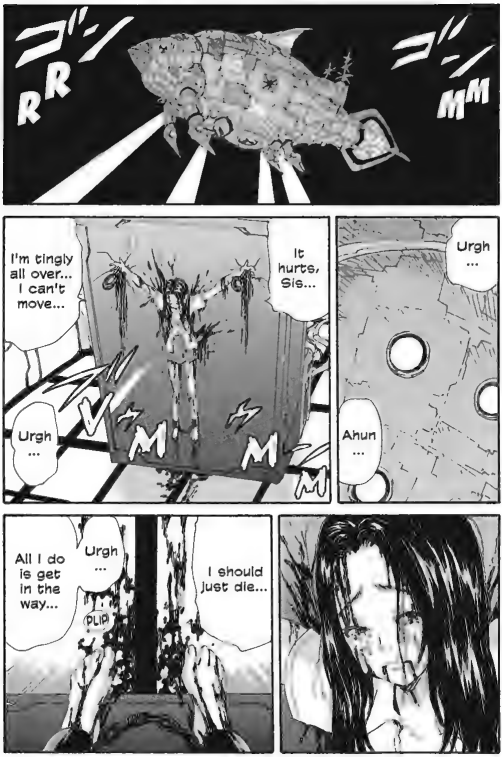
Th-That's crazy!
What ?!

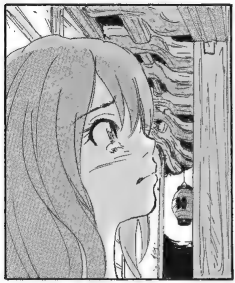
I-I don't think she'd just help us!
That angel chick again ?!

Aoi can't do that all by herself!


...of controlling Izanami's "terrible powers."
SLURP
He should be capable ...
Fortunately, we have Dr. Coppelius locked up.
Can't we do this ourselves?
Is he our only choice?
... well ...
If Aoi Fukasaku were able to control her powers herself...
U-Um ...

I... I wanna use my powers for good!
Do you think I could do it if I tried?
Like...
Go get ready.
Aoi...
We're going above-ground.


ゴーン
RR
ゴーン
MM
I'm tingly all over... I can't move...
It hurts, Sis...
Urgh ...
Urgh ...
Ahun ...
All I do is get in the way...
Urgh ...
(PLIP)
I should just die...



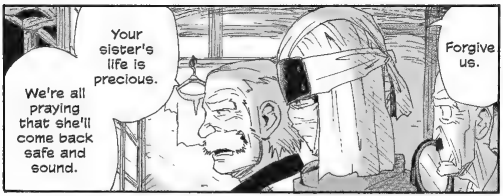
You'd be better off without me, wouldn't you, Sis?
Ahun ...
PLIP
PLIP

What do you idiots want from me?!
What?

!
Excuse us... Miss Kanon.
SCRUB
SCRUB

That's why we were so quick to want to give up the younger girl.
Maybe we weren't really thinking of you as human.

We're no different from those three professors ...
We want to apologize.


Your sister's life is precious.
We're all praying that she'll come back safe and sound.
Forgive us.

Humans ...
Hmph!

PLOD
PLOD

Why gym clothes?
Um...

FSSSH

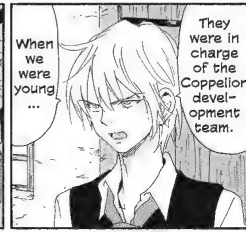
Ready?
AOI
T-Training?!
You're going to spend the night training.
SWITCH
SUPER SUITS STORE
As promised ...
AOI
I'll take her now.
P-78 END

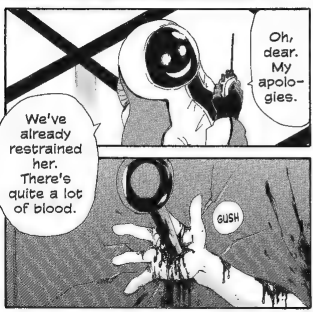
Phase.78 【 The Three Professors' Demand 】
We have Coppelion serial number C-4, Shion Ozu.
This is the airship.
That voice... C-3, Kanon Ozu?
What did you just...?
Wh...

RR
Do you remember us? The three professors?
A pleasure to hear from you again.
B
A
MM

Who's that?
MURMUR
MURMUR
The three profes-sors?

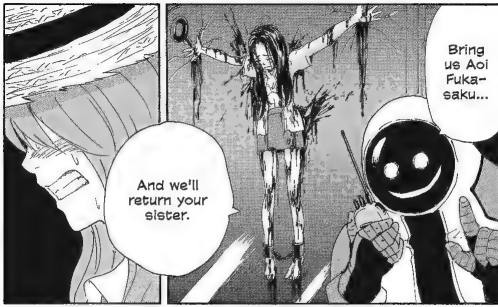
...they *experi-mented* on us almost every day.

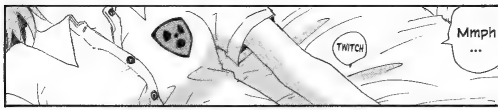

When we were young, ...
They were in charge of the Coppelion devel-opment team.


Oh, dear. My apolo-gies.
We've already restrained her. There's quite a lot of blood.
GUSH

Lay one finger on my sister, and I'll kill you all!
You bastards! What did you do to Shion?!
FWAP

We'll take good care of her.
BRINGS BACK OLD MEMO-RIES... HEHEH.
...
What do you want?
Kanon!
K...
CON-SIDER THIS YOUR LAST CHANCE.
THE GOV-ERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO AVOID BOMBING TOKYO.
LISTEN CARE-FULLY.


Bring ue Aoi Fuka-saku...
And we'll return your sister.


Mmph ...
TWITCH

Aoi!
Do you feel better?!
What happened?
Taeko ...

Ugh ...
RAA
RAA

Give me Aoi Fukasaku!
Outta my way, Ibara Naruse!
GRAB
GRAB
K-Kanon! Stop!
Calm down!
If I don't hurry, my sister, she'll...
Shion...
PLIP
I wanna save Shion, too! Let's talk about this!
Just hold on a second!
?!
FWUMP

Now they're hurting her again!
She never did anything wrong!
She finally stopped having nightmares, and now...!
They experimented on her... in all sorts of horrible ways...
Hand over Aoi Fukasaku!!
I'll kill you if I have to!
Isn't that a violation of human rights?
But you look so human...
The government would experiment on children...?
MURMUR
Experiments?

We'll amputate ...
...Shion Ozu's right leg.
GLINT
I have a good idea.
You're taking a while to answer ...
... BEFORE WE BEGIN.
WE HOPE YOU'LL ANSWER ...
PLIP
CLOP
That's crazy!
Wh...

GWSH
Ah...
Ah...
We'll do as you say.
Stop!
Nooo!!
It's serial number C-1. Haruto Kurosawa.
...?!
Haruto ...?!
A

I think this power could be used for good.
Is it too late to change things?
AOI
AOI
TONK
FLOAT
That's for you to prove.

Try moving that cone with psychokinesis.
First ...
There are three things to learn:
Flare.
Levitation.
Psychokinesis.
There's not much time.
REEN
REEN
Got any hints?
Uh...
FSST

Kanon
...
!
REEN
PLUCK
REEN
REEN
I'm worried about Shion...
We gotta get to her fast...
Someone I wanna protect?

Keep them in your heart...
Like ...
Powerful. Calm.
Think of them.
A warm fire.
Fire ...?
AOI
I turn that feeling into energy...
I don't want to watch my friend get hurt again.
Emotions give you power.
Aoi!

You okay, Aoi?!
I won't let you bully Aoi!
Ahun ...
Thank goodness ...
Aoi...
Thanks ...
Did they already forget ?!

You've always been protecting me... protecting everyone.
Oh...
Ibara ...?
This time...
I'll be the one protecting you!

FWAP
AOI
Fire...

The fire in my heart...
Burn ....!
?!
FWOOSH
FLASH

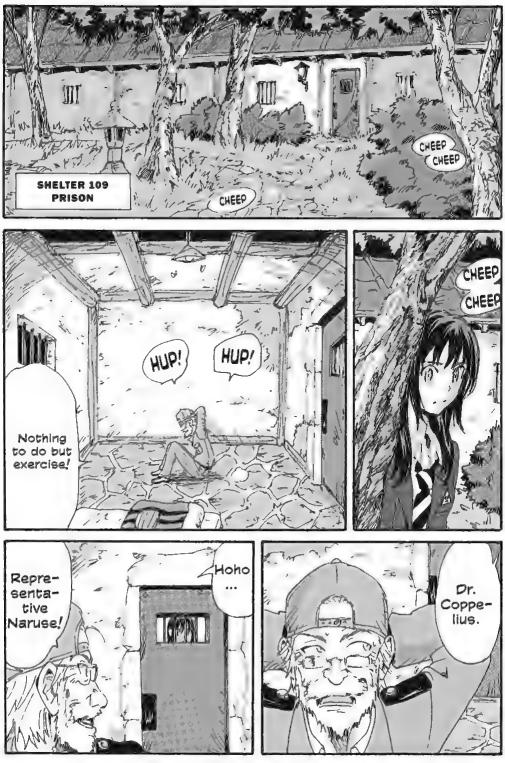
Did I move it?!
D...
KOFF
KOFF
RATTLE
FWOOM
...
You pass... for "flare."
RATTLE
RATTLE
P-79 END

U-Uh...
What did he mean by "training"?
FWOOOOOOH
Phase.79【 Dark Matter 】

Here.
...?!

Like, where are we going?
Miss Tsuburaya?

Yoyogi Stadium Pl
WOOOOO


SHELTER 109
PRISON
CHEEP
CHEEP
CHEEP
HUP!
HUP!
Nothing to do but exercise!
CHEEP
CHEEP
Hoho ...
Repre-senta-tive Naruse!
Dr. Coppe-lius.

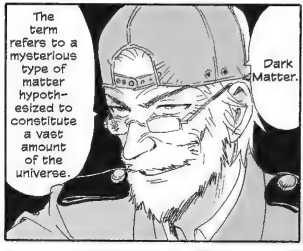
What might you want with this poor prisoner?
Well ...?
It's super dark in here...
I guess there's no electricity ...
ZWOOSH

FWO
?!
OOM

You can make them, too.
This is a flare.

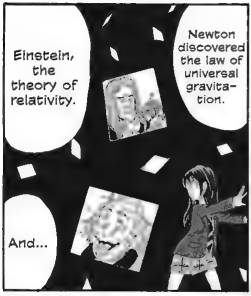
"Dark Matter" ...?
No no no
No way
Nope
...

Mana Tsuburaya mentioned it.
Does "Dark Matter"...
...have somethin' to do with how powerful she is?


Dark Matter.
The term refers to a mysterious type of matter hypothesized to constitute a vast amount of the universe.

So basically, nobody really knows what it is.
And we just call it "Dark Matter"?

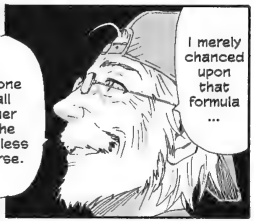
The elements we're familiar with—hydrogen, helium, and so on—only account for a small percentage of the whole.
Humanity still knows next to nothing about the universe.


Einstein, the theory of relativity.
Newton discovered the law of universal gravitation.
And...

But science has always been lighting up the dark, cutting through unknown territory.
Precisely!

You... are one of the mysteries to emerge from Dark Matter.
Coppelion...

...in one small corner of the boundless universe.


I merely chanced upon that formula ...

Okay, so like, your power, you don't really understand it yourself, but you still use it?!
Umm ...
AOI
Dark Matter ...
...is the source of our power.
Even if you don't understand what it is...
As long as you learn how to use it...
You can control it at will.
Yes.
And?
That's too dangerous!
That's why we're in this mess!
CLANG
You created us without thinking it through ...
And now the whole world might misuse us Coppelion. War could break out!

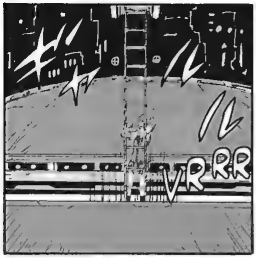
...
Isn't nuclear power much the same?
Why? Why didn't you think of the conse-quences?
FZZ
Nuclear fission is but one tiny fragment of the laws of the universe.
Everyone uses a power they don't understand.
All we can do now is decide how to use this "power."
But it's too late now...
Yes, perhaps I should have thought it through.

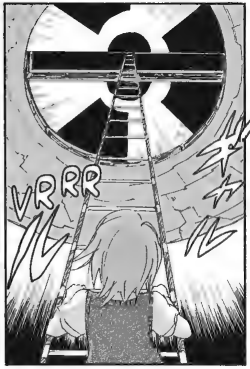
Once you're onboard ...
We'll lower her to the ground.
Not to worry. She's safe.
Haruto ...
...
Follow their orders.
She can do it.
CLENCH

HWOOO

VRRR

Aoi
...


VRRR


VRRR

?!

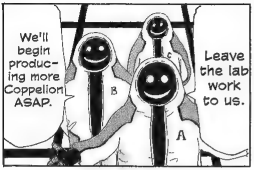
B...
SSSHHH
BWSSHH
PSSSH
THUD
...
SSSHHH

WE'VE SECURED AOI FU-KASAKU!
ZZ
THE SLEEP-ING GAS WORKED!
BOOM
BOOM
Fire.
Run!!
Can-nons!
KA-BO-OM
!!

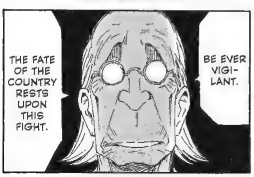
BOOM
BWOOM
Shit!
KA BOOM
I knew you damn humans would do this!
Give Shion back!

ゴ"
R
R
ゴ"
MM

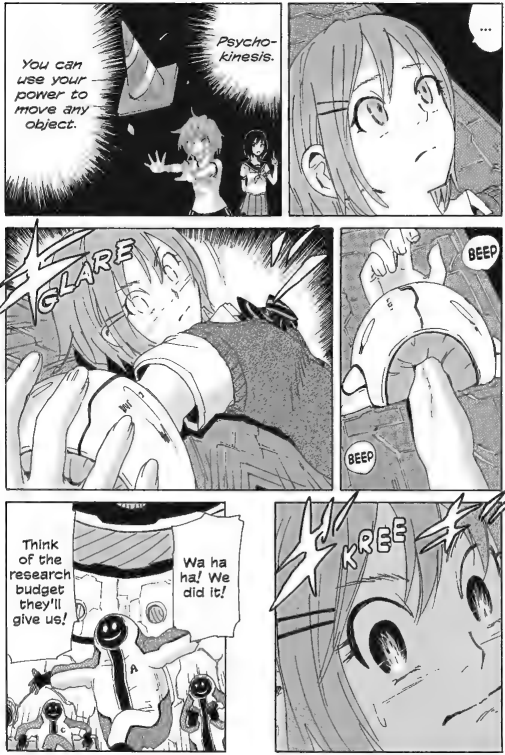
She'll come back to us—with Shion!
Aoi will come back...


We'll begin producing more Coppelion ASAP.
B
A
Leave the lab work to us.

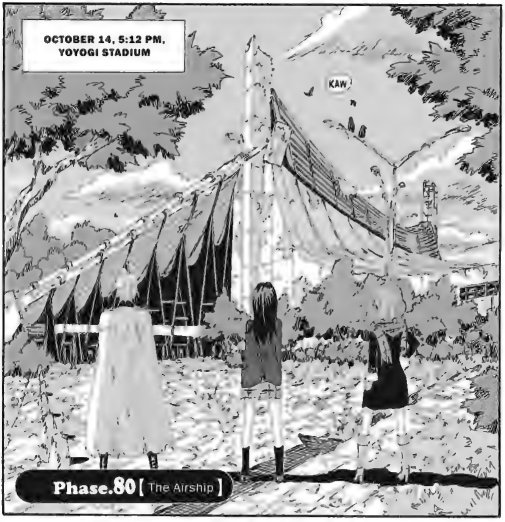
YOUR EFFORTS KEPT THE BUDGET FOR RECOVERING AOI FUKASAKU TO A MINIMUM.
WELL DONE.


THE FATE OF THE COUNTRY RESTS UPON THIS FIGHT.
BE EVER VIGILANT.

THIS TECHNOLOGY WILL REVIVE JAPAN.
SO ENDS A LONG ERA OF DARKNESS.
...?!
TUG
BEEP
...?
BEEP


You can use your power to move any object.
Psycho-kinesis.
...
GLARE
BEEP
BEEP
Think of the research budget they'll give us!
Wa ha ha! We did it!
KREE

That's impossible! We restrained her with millions of dollars worth of equipment!
C
B
A-Aoi Fukasaku ?!
ALL DOORS HAVE BEEN SEALED.
BZZ
BZZ
EMERGENCY. EMERGENCY.
EMERGENCY. EMERGENCY.
DROP
ALL HANDS, YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO FIRE.
P-80 END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YOYOGI STADIUM
KAW
Phase.80 [The Airship]

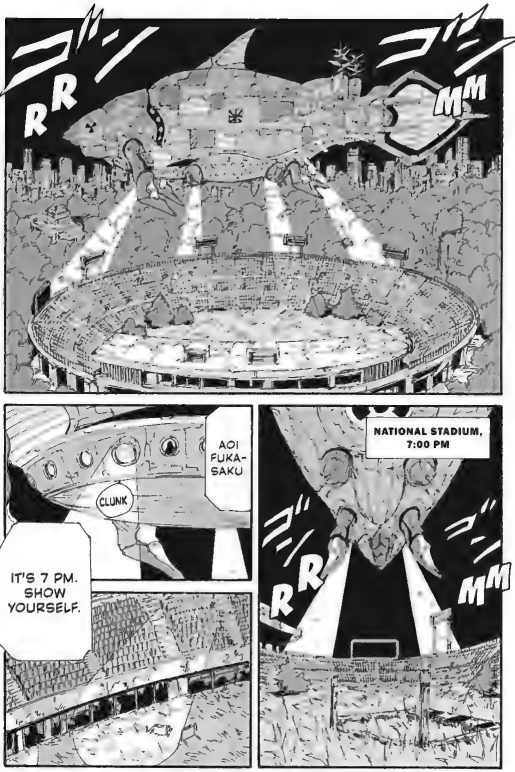
Oh!
There's less than two hours until the govern-ment's airship comes for her.

When's she gonna come out?!
It's been a whole friggin' day since she went in there to train!

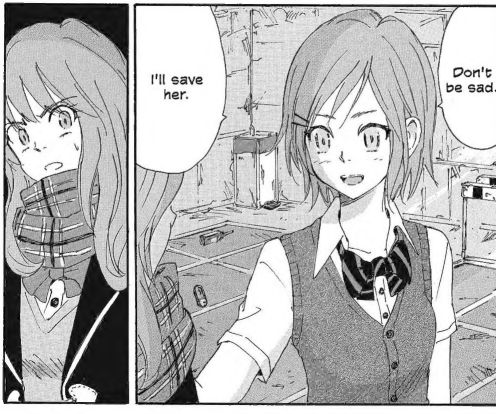
SWISH
There she is!

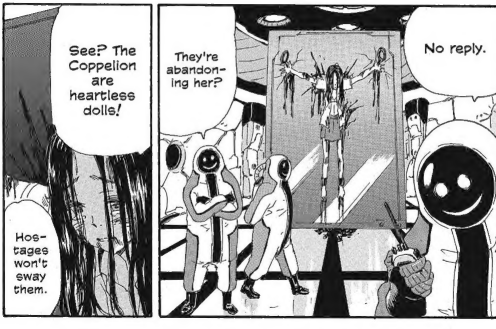
Ibara ...?
Aoi! You're all dirty!
Are you okay?! Are you hurt?!
I'm okay.
Don't worry, Ibara.
I taught her everything she needs to know for now.
She should be very powerful now.
For real?!
She doesn't look any different ...
...
NOD

HWOOO
Whoa!
What the...
AOI
FLOAT
It's time.
We'll have dinner, then head to National Stadium.
...
HWOOO


RR
MM
AOI FUKA-SAKU
CLUNK
IT'S 7 PM. SHOW YOURSELF.
NATIONAL STADIUM, 7:00 PM
RR
MM

Do we have to send Aoi out by herself, like they want?!
Well, Haruto ?!
ゴー
R
R
MM
ゴー
...
We can't do anything that might anger them.
We're exchanging her for Shion Ozu.
SWISH
If I'd paid more attention to her...
This is my fault.


I'll save her.
Don't be sad.


See? The Coppelion are heartless dolls!
Hostages won't sway them.
They're abandoning her?
No reply.

It's Aoi Fukasaku!
LOOK!
Oh!
RRMM
RRMM
RRMM

CLUNK
CLUNK
TUNK
SHOO
HANG ONTO THE LAD-DER.
WE'LL PULL YOU UP.
...where's Shion?
You promised an exchange!